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MADIGAN: PHYSICIAN INDICTED FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING PATIENT

Springfield – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced that a Jersey County grand jury has indicted a Jerseyville physician for sexually abusing and drugging a female patient during her hospitalization last January.

The indictment alleges that Dr. Roger A. Schroeder committed an act of sexual conduct upon a hospitalized female patient after injecting a controlled substance, midazolam, into an intravenous line being used in the treatment of the patient.

Madigan said today's indictment charges Schroeder, 53, with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony punishable by three to seven years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and one count of aggravated battery, a Class 3 felony punishable by a sentence of two to five years. Schroeder also was indicted on two counts of criminal sexual abuse, Class 4 felonies, which carry a possible sentence of one to three years.

The public is reminded that these charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court. Assistant Attorney General Michael Atterberry is handling the case for Madigan's Criminal Prosecutions and Trial Assistance Bureau at the request of the Jersey County State's Attorney's Office.

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